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Welcome to *The Ripple Effect*, the South Florida Water Management District's monthly electronic newsletter that covers the latest water news — straight from the source.

October District
Governing Board

With the start of October, the South Florida Water Management District begins our fiscal new year, FY2013. At a budget hearing held on September 25, the Board finalized and adopted the \$567.3 million budget that will fund the agency's mission for the next 12 months. A full 75 percent of the FY2013 budget is dedicated to benefiting ecosystem restoration, protecting water resources and enhancing flood control

SFWMD 2013 Budget Supports Water Resource Priorities

At a public hearing on Sept. 25, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board adopted a \$567.3 million budget for Fiscal Year 2013. The annual budget funds the agency's core flood control and water supply missions as well as its continued progress to restore the South Florida ecosystem, which includes America's Everglades... [more](#)

SFWMD Takes Action to Store Water Headed to Caloosahatchee Estuary

With Lake Okeechobee's water level rising from above-average rainfall and discharges from the lake increasing for flood control and protection of the Herbert Hoover Dike, the South Florida Water Management District has taken emergency steps to capture water from the Caloosahatchee River to reduce freshwater impacts on the downstream estuary... [more](#)

Opinion: SFWMD Continues Improving Land Resource Management

The South Florida Water Management District is the largest land owner in South Florida. Over the course of several decades, our land acquisitions have been made to support flood control infrastructure, protect South Florida's water resources and restore the region's impaired ecosystems... [more](#)

In the News

- [September's Average Rainfall Increases Wet Season Totals](#)
- [Recreation Opportunities Abounded in South Florida on National Public Lands Day](#)

Water Drops



- [Up-to-the-Minute Weather Conditions... more](#)
- [What You Can Do to Save Water... more](#)

This Month in Photos

View images of birds of the Everglades... [more](#)

Calendar

October 25

Public Workshop for Central Everglades Planning Project (sponsored by the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force's Working Group)

9 a.m., SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach

October 30

Lake Belt Mitigation Committee — C-139 Annex Tour

9:30 a.m., SFWMD Clewiston Field Station, 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston

November 7

Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting

8 a.m., Big Cypress Basin Service Center, 2660 Horseshoe Drive N., Naples

November 8

Water Resources Advisory Commission Meeting

10 a.m., City of St. Cloud Marina, 2nd Floor, 104 Lakeshore Blvd., St. Cloud

November 9

Lake Belt Mitigation Committee

9 a.m., SFWMD B-1 Storch Conference Room, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach

November 14

Governing Board Workshop

1 p.m., SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach

November 15

Governing Board Meeting

9 a.m., SFWMD B-1 Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach

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